



# Long Island Rail Road New York City Transit Strike Contingency Plan

**While it is illegal under New York State law for New York City Transit subway and bus employees to strike, it is possible that a strike may occur on or after December 15, when their contract expires.**

In the event of a strike, Long Island Rail Road service will be affected. Travel options for subway and bus riders will be limited, and contingency services will not be in place for 24 hours.

Expect lines, long waits, and delays. LIRR staff will regulate the flow of customers onto trains, but expect crowding. Please bear with us; we appreciate your understanding.

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## GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- If possible, work from home or at an alternate location near your home.
- If possible, stagger your work hours to avoid travel at peak times. Avoid trains arriving at Penn Station, Jamaica, or Flatbush Ave between 6 & 9 AM or departing between 4 & 7 PM.
- If possible, do not drive into Manhattan. There will be vehicle occupancy restrictions at bridges and tunnels into and out of Manhattan. Carpooling sites will be set up by the City of New York. See [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov) for details.
- Some subway and bus riders may be able to use Metro-North Railroad in the Bronx or Long Island Rail Road in Queens to travel into midtown Manhattan. Remember that both services will be very crowded and that regular service will be modified. See table on back for details.
- NYC Transit buses in Queens & Staten Island should be running, but may have altered routes. Check [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) for details. Expect crowded service and delays.
- Long Island Bus will largely operate regular service, but may have minor modifications. Check [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) for details. Expect crowded service and delays.
- Private buses in Queens and the Bronx will run, but may have altered routes. Check [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov) for details. Expect crowded service and delays.
- Paratransit services will operate; allow extra time and check with your provider. For a list of providers see [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).
- Check the MTA website ([www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info)) and the City of NY website ([www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov)) for other contingency travel information.
- Call 1-718-217-LIRR; 1-516-822-LIRR or 1-631-231-LIRR for the most current Long Island Rail Road information.
- Check radio, television and newspapers for potential updates.

## LIRR SERVICE CHANGES

- To provide additional service in Queens, LIRR must modify its service. For example, regularly scheduled trains will stop at hub stations 6-9 AM and 4-7 PM. At all other times dedicated shuttle trains and regular trains will provide service at all stations in Queens. These services are detailed in the table on the reverse side of this brochure.
- Seven regular AM peak and seven regular PM peak trains will be cancelled to provide for Queens shuttle service. See [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) for details.
  - Regular LIRR customers who commute to or from Queens stations other than Jamaica may have to change trains to reach their destinations. See table on the reverse side of this brochure for details.
  - LIRR commuters at Jamaica, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills and Woodside will be served by special shuttle trains. See table on back for details.

- Tickets must be purchased **before** boarding trains. *No tickets will be sold on board trains within New York City limits during rush hours.*
- Purchase tickets for your round trip to save time on line.
- Regular LIRR customers can use their existing monthly or weekly tickets on shuttle services. **Unfortunately, MetroCard cannot be accepted.**
- Mail&Ride customers holding monthly tickets with Unlimited Ride MetroCard will automatically receive credit for any unused portion of the MetroCard in the next statement.
- **All other Unlimited Ride MetroCard customers will be able to resume use of the card when NYC Transit services resume.**

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- To ease crowding, there will be street-level queuing at Penn Station, Flatbush Ave, Jamaica & many Queens stations.
- Watch for special signage and additional personnel who will be available to answer questions at Penn and Queens stations.
- Reverse peak service will run on a regular schedule.
- Expect delays and crowded conditions on all trains due to anticipated ridership increases and many trains with fewer cars.

### Penn Station:

**Purchase tickets at 34<sup>th</sup> St and 7<sup>th</sup> Av**, then get on line for trains at the following entrances:

**Woodside, Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica** (Central Queens) — 7<sup>th</sup> Av @ 32<sup>nd</sup> St.  
**Hicksville, Huntington, Port Jefferson, Oyster Bay, Hempstead, West Hempstead Branches** (Eastern Queens) — 8<sup>th</sup> Av-33<sup>rd</sup> St subway entrance.

**Ronkonkoma, Port Washington Branches** (Northern Queens) — 8<sup>th</sup> Av-33<sup>rd</sup> St Amtrak entrance.

**Babylon, Montauk, Long Beach, Far Rockaway Branches** (Southeast Queens) — taxi area under Madison Square Garden, 33 St between 7 Av and 8 Av.

### Jamaica Station:

Look for your service at:

**Track 1**—regular westbound trains, AM Peak; eastbound shuttles, PM peak.

**Tracks 2-3**—regular westbound trains, all times.

**Tracks 4-5**—special Jamaica to Penn Station shuttle trains, AM Peak; regular east-bound trains, PM Peak.

**Tracks 6-8**—regular eastbound trains, all times.

Long Island Rail Road Service				
	5 AM – 6 AM	6 AM – 9 AM 4 PM – 7 PM	9 AM – 4 PM 7 PM – 10 PM After 10 PM, Regular Service	Weekend
<b>Eastern Queens/ Western Nassau</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Floral Park</li> <li>• Bellerose</li> <li>• Queens Village</li> <li>• Hollis</li> <li>• Jamaica</li> </ul>	Regular service makes all scheduled Queens stops.	Regular service bypasses Bellerose, Queens Village, Hollis.  Floral Park Hub: 9 additional trains will stop 6-9 AM and 6 additional trains will stop 4-7 PM.  Service about every 15-20 minutes.	Regular service; some trains add stops.  Shuttle service stops at Floral Park, Bellerose, Queens Village, Hollis, Jamaica, Penn.  Service about every 20 minutes until 10 PM, then regular service.	Regular service.
<b>Southeast Queens/ Western Nassau</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valley Stream</li> <li>• Rosedale</li> <li>• Laurelton</li> <li>• Locust Manor</li> <li>• St. Albans</li> <li>• Jamaica</li> </ul> Far Rockaway Sta: regular service all times	Regular service.	Regular service bypasses Rosedale, Locust Manor, and St. Albans.  Valley Stream/Laurelton Hubs: All Far Rockaway/ Long Beach trains stop at Valley Stream and Laurelton.  Service about every 15-20 minutes.	All regularly scheduled Far Rockaway/ Long Beach trains stop at Valley Stream and Laurelton; service about every 30 minutes.  Regular scheduled service to Rosedale, Locust Manor, and St. Albans.	Regular service.
<b>Northern Queens/ Western Nassau</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Neck</li> <li>• Little Neck</li> <li>• Douglaston</li> <li>• Bayside</li> <li>• Auburndale</li> <li>• Broadway</li> <li>• Murray Hill</li> <li>• Flushing/Main</li> <li>• Shea Stadium</li> </ul>	Regular service makes all scheduled Queens stops; no stops at Shea Stadium.	Regular service bypasses Little Neck, Douglaston, Auburndale, Broadway, Murray Hill, Flushing/Main, Shea Stadium.  Great Neck/Bayside Hub: Trains make all stops, Port Washington to Great Neck, then Bayside and Penn.  Service about every 15-20 minutes.	Regular service, including stops at Shea Stadium.  Shuttle service stops at Great Neck, Little Neck, Douglaston, Bayside, Auburndale, Broadway, Murray Hill, Flushing/Main, Shea Stadium, and Penn.  Service about every 15 minutes until 10 PM, then regular service.	Regular service, including stops at Shea Stadium.  Shuttle service at all stops Great Neck to Penn 5 AM-10 PM.  Service about every 30 minutes until 10 PM, then regular service.
<b>Central Queens</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jamaica</li> <li>• Kew Gardens</li> <li>• Forest Hills</li> <li>• Woodside</li> </ul>	Regular service makes all scheduled Queens stops.  Shuttle stops at Jamaica, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills, Woodside, and Penn.  Service every 20 minutes.	Regular service bypasses Jamaica, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills, Woodside, and Penn.  Shuttle stops at Jamaica, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills, Woodside, and Penn.  Service about every 15 minutes.	Regular trains stop as capacity permits.  Shuttle stops at Jamaica, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills, Woodside, and Penn.  Service about every 20 minutes until 10 PM, then regular service.	Regular and shuttle service from 5 AM – 10 PM.  Service about every 20-30 minutes until 10 PM, then regular service.
<b>Long Island City</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jamaica</li> <li>• Long Island City</li> <li>• Hunterspoint Av closed</li> </ul>	Trains do not operate.	Service to Long Island City for connecting ferry service; about every 20 minutes. Hunterspoint Av closed.	Shuttle service between Long Island City and Jamaica; about every 30 minutes. Service to 10 PM (to coincide with ferry schedule).	Trains do not operate.
<b>Brooklyn</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East New York</li> <li>• Nostrand Ave.</li> <li>• Flatbush Ave.</li> </ul>	Regular service. Makes all scheduled Brooklyn stops.	Regular service with queuing.	Regular service with queuing.	Regular service.

Despite indicated frequencies, expect lines, long waits, and delays. MTA staff will regulate the flow of customers onto trains, but expect crowding. Please bear with us; we appreciate your understanding.

## LIRR Stations referred to in table. (Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, and Nassau)

Directions to stations can be found on [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).

